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A summary of the pertinent findings and recommendations of the inclosed report follows:

Hazard evaluations of candidate insect repellents A13-37410a and A13-37411a were performed by means of laboratory studies using New Zealand White rabbits. The technical grade compounds caused mild primary irritation to intact and abraded skin, in addition to severe corneal and conjunctival irritation. It was recommended that A13-37410a and A13-37411a not be approved for further testing as candidate insect repellents. If, however, these compounds present a significant improvement in pest repellent properties over existing compounds, it is recommended that they be resubmitted in their proposed use formulations and/or concentrations.

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1. AUTHORITY.


b. Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of the Army, Office of The Surgeon General; the US Army Health Services Command; the US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency; the Armed Forces Pest Control Board, and the US Department of Agriculture, effective 1970 with Amendment No. 1 effective August 1974.


3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this study is to provide guidance for further entomological testing of the candidate insect repellents AI3-37410a and AI3-37411a.

4. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. Hazard evaluations of the candidate repellents AI3-37410a and AI3-37411a, USDA Proprietary Chemicals, were conducted by this Agency using New Zealand White rabbits for skin and eye studies. A tabular presentation of animal toxicity data developed in this Agency follows:*†

* In conducting the studies described in this report, the investigators adhered to the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals," US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Publication No. (NIH) 74-23, revised in 1972, and in 1978.

† The experiments reported herein were performed in animal facilities, fully accredited by the American Association for the Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care.

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TABULAR PRESENTATION OF DATA

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5. CONCLUSION. Technical grade compounds AI3-37410a and AI3-37411a caused mild primary irritation of the skin and severe corneal and conjunctival irritation in all rabbits tested. As such, they do not qualify as nonhazardous insect repellents.

6. RECOMMENDATION. Under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (paragraph 1b), it is recommended that AI3-37410a and AI3-37411a, USDA Proprietary Chemicals, not be approved for further testing as candidate insect repellents. If these compounds show a significant improvement in pest repellent properties over existing compounds, it is suggested that they be resubmitted in their proposed use formulations and/or concentrations.

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DEFINITIONS OF CATEGORIES OF COMPOUNDS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ACUTE SKIN APPLICATION

CATEGORY I - Compounds producing no primary irritation of the intact skin or no greater than mild primary irritation of the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: No restriction for acute application to the human skin.)

CATEGORY II - Compounds producing mild primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should be used only on human skin found by examination to have no abrasions or may be used as a clothing impregnant.)

CATEGORY III - Compounds producing moderate primary irritation of the intact skin and the skin surrounding an abrasion. (INTERPRETATION: Should not be used directly on the skin without a prophetic patch test having been conducted on humans to determine irritation potential to human skin. May be used without patch testing, with extreme caution, as clothing impregnants. Compound should be resubmitted in the form and at the intended use concentration so that its irritation potential can be reexamined using other test techniques on animals.)

CATEGORY IV - Compounds producing moderate to severe primary irritation of the intact skin and of the skin surrounding an abrasion and, in addition, producing necrosis, vesiculation, and/or eschars. (INTERPRETATION: Should be resubmitted for testing in the form and at the intended use concentration. Upon resubmission, its irritation potential will be reexamined using other test techniques on animals, prior to possible prophetic patch testing in humans, at concentrations which have been shown not to produce primary irritation in animals.)

CATEGORY V - Compounds impossible to classify because of staining of the skin or other masking effects owing to physical properties of the compound. (INTERPRETATION: Not suitable for use on humans.)

EYE CATEGORIES:

A. Compounds noninjurious to the eye. INTERPRETATION: Irritation of human eyes is not expected if the compound should accidentally get into the eyes, provided it is washed out as soon as possible.

B. Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes.

C. Compounds producing mild injury to the cornea, and in addition some injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with caution around the eyes and mucosa.

D. Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes.

E. Compounds producing moderate injury to the cornea, and in addition producing some injury to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution around the eyes and mucosa.

F. Compounds producing severe injury to the cornea and to the conjunctiva. INTERPRETATION: Should be used with extreme caution. It is recommended that use be restricted to areas other than the face.